

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1

Approval – Resolution Honoring Chris Strand for Service as Manager at Green Spring Gardens and to the Park Authority

ISSUE:

Approval of a resolution to honor the contributions of Mr. Chris Strand for service at Green Spring Gardens upon his departure.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution for Mr. Strand in honor of his accomplishments over the past eight years.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 25, 2005.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Chris Strand has served as Manager of Green Spring Gardens since his arrival at the Park Authority on January 8, 1998. Over the past eight years, Mr. Strand has worked hand-in-hand with the facility's staff, agency leadership and members of the Friends of Green Spring Gardens effectively expanding and strengthening the exposure, community reach, and professional reputation; adding to the site's overall success.

Under his care, Green Spring Gardens was accredited by the American Association of Museums, received National Register status and grew in regional identity and cohesiveness. Educational opportunities expanded and a community horticulture position was created as well as the Master Gardener Program.

New initiatives were taken to increase revenue, including expansion of the production area, the plant shop, garden markets and new programming. Grants were procured that supported improvements. The Friends of Green Spring membership tripled and their financial support has increased five-fold. In all areas of operations and development, high standards were met and progress was made. Mr. Strand and Green Spring Gardens both served as a voice and center for horticulture in Fairfax County, and the mid-Atlantic region, setting a positive course for the future.

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FISCAL IMPACT:
None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:
Attachment 1: Resolution

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ADMINISTRATIVE - 2

Approval - Request for Land Dedication for Loudoun County Rezoning ZMAP
2005-0005 Adjacent to Sully Woodlands Park (Sully District)

ISSUE:

Approval of staff comments pertaining to the Loudoun County Zoning Map Amendment application, ZMAP 2005-0005, Braddock South Village; located in Loudoun County, south of Braddock Road, west of the Fairfax County line, adjacent to Sully Woodlands Park (Attachment 1). The rezoning request shows a mix of uses, including approximately 177,500 square feet of commercial uses and 1,700 dwelling units on 731 acres, at an overall density of 2.3 du/ac (Attachment 2).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends Park Authority Board approval of the following summary comments regarding ZMAP 2005-0005, Braddock South Village (Loudoun County):

- The Park Authority requests that the applicant dedicate approximately 8 acres of Cornell Loudoun Farm that lies in Fairfax County and is surrounded by Sully Woodlands Park to the Park Authority (Attachment 3). This land area would provide a valuable link between stream valley parkland in Fairfax County and proposed stream valley open space on the site and further buffer parkland from the proposed development.
- The developer should redesign the proposed development so as to situate the open space conservancy area immediately adjacent to Fairfax County and Sully Woodlands Park.
- Loudoun County should review the density of this development in light of its impacts to the Occoquan watershed.

(Due to a critical Loudoun County deadline, this item was not reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee.)

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 25, 2005. Fairfax County Planning staff anticipates this case will go to the Loudoun County Planning Commission for public hearing in October of 2005.

BACKGROUND:

This site is located in the Ellick sub-watershed of the Occoquan watershed, adjacent to Fairfax County's Sully Woodlands Park, the largest natural and cultural resource protection area in Western Fairfax County. The site plan submitted by the developer includes a mix of commercial and residential uses at an overall density of 2.3 du/ac. This is upstream of and in proximity to land in Fairfax County that is planned for residential densities of .1 to .2 units per acre (or one unit per 5 to 10 acres) and parkland.

Of note, a 7.98 acre portion of Cornell Loudoun Farm located immediately adjacent to the proposed development lies in Fairfax County (Tax Map Parcel 42-2 ((1)) 1) and is surrounded by Fairfax County parkland. It is bounded on the northeast by Ellick Run, contains tributaries to Ellick Run and is classified as non-buildable floodplain. About one-tenth of a mile southwest of this parcel in Fairfax County there exists a smaller, triangle-shaped piece of land, traversed by Ellick Run tributaries, also owned by Cornell Loudoun Farm and surrounded by Park Authority property. These two parcels represent gaps in the continuity of Sully Woodlands Park and their protection needs to be ensured to further buffer Fairfax County parkland from the proposed development (Attachment 2).

Areas indicated as open space on the development plan consist of floodplains adjacent to Ellick Run as well as a 132-acre conservancy area located at the southwestern portion of the site. Given the significant differences in land use at this location and ecological sensitivity of the undeveloped land in Sully Woodlands Park, a redesign of the proposed development so as to situate the conservancy area immediately adjacent to Fairfax County would be preferred.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is anticipated that the additional acreage would be managed as a stream valley park as part of the larger Sully Woodlands Park system. This type of park requires less intensive management and thus the inclusion of this portion of stream valley would not have a significant impact on Park Authority resources.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Vicinity Map – Location of Proposed Braddock South Village
- Attachment 2: Concept Development Plan, Braddock South Village, Zoning Map Amendment
- Attachment 3: Overall Boundary and Owners' Plat – Braddock South Village, Zoning Map Amendment – (Showing the area proposed to be dedicated to the Park Authority)

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ADMINISTRATION - 3

Adoption of Minutes – April 27 and May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the April 27 and May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the April 27 and May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 25, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the April 27 and May 11, 2005 Park Authority Board Meeting

STAFF:

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ACTION - 1

Adoption of FY 2006 Park Revenue Fund Budget (Fund 170)

ISSUE:

Approval of the FY 2006 Park Revenue Fund Budget (Fund 170).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends adoption of the FY 2006 budget for the Park Revenue Fund, Fund 170. **(This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on May 11, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

The Park Authority Board action is requested on May 25, 2005. On April 25, 2005, the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2006 Budget for the Revenue Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2006 budget reflects projected revenues of \$33,189,442 and expenditures of \$32,526,214. The net revenue is projected at \$663,228. The FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan reflects decreases to revenue, expenditures, and net revenue for the adjustments proposed at Add-On which bring the budget in line with current FY 2005 trends and takes into consideration the delay in the opening of Laurel Hill Golf Course. The Adopted Budget also reflects a \$178,244 salary adjustment for 3/3.0 positions which are fully reimbursable from the 2004 Bond program.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan for the General Fund Budget (Fund 001)

On April 25, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2006 Budget Plan for the General Fund (Fund 001). The General Fund Budget reflects revenue appropriation of \$2,620,971 and expenditure appropriations of \$24,387,617. The FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan consists of the following increases over the FY 2005 Adopted Budget Plan:

- Total personnel funding of \$21,151,604 (an increase of \$761,727 or 5% over FY 2005, due to pay for performance and the addition of \$30,000 for the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Overtime Eligibility, associated with the Senate Bill 873 which extends overtime categories and guarantees overtime pay to eligible personnel for scheduled hours without regard to whether the employees actually work so long as they are in pay status; and \$205,884 in limited term funding associated with the Community Connections Initiative discussed below).
- Total operating funding of \$5,385,710 (an increase of \$514,229 or 11% over FY 2005 due to a \$78,000 funding increase for mandated training, a \$257,771 increase in Department of Vehicle Services charges associated with fuel and maintenance costs, and an increase of \$127,456 in Information Technology for PC replacement charges).
- Total recovered cost funding of \$2,449,697 (an increase of \$89,453, or 3.8% over FY 2005)
- Total capital equipment funding of \$300,000 (an increase of \$60,000 or 25% over FY 2005).

Three General Fund items were submitted in the Add-On Package as Consideration Items that impact the Park Authority. Of these items that were submitted, only Community Connection was approved.

Item 1: Funded, \$205,884 for the Community Connections Initiative

This initiative was funded with no merit positions; \$205,884 was funded for limited term personnel or contracted services. The original request includes \$217,732 for 3/3.0 merit positions to support this initiative. The use of seasonal or contracted employees to run this program will challenge the Park Authority's ability to manage and effectively employ this initiative, especially for the long term, as training, experience and turnover in contracts and seasonal employees will impact the programs continuity.

This program addressed the urbanization, changing usage pattern, and increasingly diverse populations of the County's park system. The increased demand and uses of the park system is addressed through this Community Connections program to provide a staffing presence, both for those using the park system and as a deterrent against gang activity, as well as ensuring the increased maintenance needs are met.

Staff will present an implementation plan for the program at the July 27, 2005, Park Authority Board Meeting. Also, the Park Authority will continue to seek merit positions and staffing to support this program at the FY 2006 Fund 001 Carry-Over in September 2005.

Item 2: Funded \$20,000 to the Police Department for the Existing Road Dawg Program

Request was for \$60,000 for the Road Dawg and Rec PAC/Quest programs. This program supports transportation to the summer Road Dawg and Rec PAC/Quest programs in communities with these programs. The Road Dawg Camp is a week-long camp for at-risk youth. Rec Pac/Quest programs are structured recreation programs with emphasis on leisure skills designed for both elementary and middle school children. This issue would have impacted the Park Authority if the required funding was fully approved.

Item 3: Not Funded, \$320,135 for the Natural Resource Management Plan

Request was for \$320,135 for 1/1.0 position to allow the Park Authority to implement the recently adopted Natural Resource Management Plan. This request included \$70,035 in Personnel, \$140,000 in Operating, and \$110,000 in Capital equipment. This funding was requested to support two programs within the Natural Resource Management Plan. The ***Invasives Control Program***, when funded, will address natural vegetation to preserve forest, field and aquatic habitats. The ***Natural Resource Inventory and Management Program*** funding was to retain a consultant to establish a baseline of natural resources data critical for the overall planning process for selected parks and recreation facilities.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan includes increases over the Advertised Budget Plan for \$205,884 for Community Connections and \$30,000 for FLSA overtime eligibility.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan for the General County Construction Fund (Fund 303)

On April 25, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2006 Budget Plan for the General County Construction Fund, Fund 303. The General County Construction Fund Budget reflects expenditure appropriations of \$6,709,353

The FY 2006 Adopted Budget Plan for this fund includes a total expenditures budget of \$6,709,353 (an increase of 28.8% over the FY 2005 Adopted Budget). The Adopted Budget includes the projects listed below and an additional Add-on adjustment for \$907,869 for redirected Athletic Services Application Fees for enhanced maintenance needs and \$420,000 for expansion of school field maintenance.

- \$3,077,156 for General Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance and Facility/ Equipment Maintenance (an increase of \$420,000 for expansion of school field maintenance over FY 2005)
- \$54,000 for ADA compliance (\$54,000 FY 2005).
- \$447,515 for Laurel Hill (\$473,609 FY 2005).
- \$2,222,813 for Athletic Field Maintenance (\$2,022,813 FY 2005).

The Add-On Package to the FY 2006 Budget included the following consideration item for Fund 303, which was approved:

- Funded, \$907,869 for Field Application Fee Enhanced Maintenance

Revenues will be redirected from the General Fund Athletic Services Application Fees to be used for enhanced maintenance to include: \$481,169 for a synthetic turf field development program, \$241,592 for the expansion of school field maintenance, and \$185,108 for custodial services and indoor gym maintenance (this represents a fee reduction paid by users). The \$185,108 is a program that will need to be handled by FCPS and the transfer of this is being discussed with the Department of Management and Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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The FY 2006 Budget Plan for The County Construction Fund, Fund 303, appropriation is \$6,709,353. With the transfer of \$185,108, the appropriation for FY 2006 will be \$6,524,245.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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FY 2005 Third Quarter Budget Review - General Fund (Fund 001)

On April 25, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2005 Third Quarter Budget Review for the General Fund (Fund 001). The Park Authority Board approved the FY 2005 Third Quarter Review Submission on February 4, 2005.

The Third Quarter General Fund Budget decreased revenue from \$2,843,407 to \$2,569,579, or by \$273,828. **(This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on May 11, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2005 Third Quarter Review decreased the revenue budget by \$273,828 to an appropriation level of \$2,569,579.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Approved Fund 001 Third Quarter Review Summary Page

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FY 2005 Third Quarter Budget Review - Park Revenue Fund (Fund 170)

On April 25, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2005 Third Quarter Budget Review for the Park Revenue Fund (Fund 170). The Park Authority Board approved the FY 2005 Third Quarter Review Submission on February 4, 2005.

The Third Quarter Park Revenue Fund Budget decreased revenue from \$32,221,980 to \$29,066,342, or by \$3,155,638, and also decreased expenditures from \$31,435,761 to \$28,877,589, or by \$2,558,172. The FY 2005 Park Revenue Fund Third Quarter Review resulted in a decrease to net revenue from \$786,219 to \$188,753, a reduction of \$597,466 to the net revenue budgeted for this fund. In addition, the transfer out of \$900,000 from the Revenue Fund (Fund 170) to the Park Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 371) was approved. **(This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on May 11, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2005 Third Quarter Review decreased the revenue budget by \$3,155,638 to a budgeted level of \$29,066,342; decreased the expenditure budget by \$2,558,172 to a budgeted level of \$28,877,589; and decreased the net revenue by \$597,466 to a budgeted level of \$188,753. Also, a transfer of \$900,000 from the Revenue Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund was approved.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Approved Fund 170 Third Quarter Review Summary Page

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STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP

- Alternative Funding and Partnerships